



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2017 Biennium

Bill # HB0374

Title: Provide for school suicide prevention awareness training

Primary Sponsor: McClafferty, Edith (Edie)

Status: As Introduced

- Significant Local Gov Impact
 Needs to be included in HB 2
 Technical Concerns
 Included in the Executive Budget
 Significant Long-Term Impacts
 Dedicated Revenue Form Attached

FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2016 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2017 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2018 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2019 Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$20,335	\$20,335	\$20,640	\$20,950
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	<u>(\$20,335)</u>	<u>(\$20,335)</u>	<u>(\$20,640)</u>	<u>(\$20,950)</u>

Description of fiscal impact: HB 374 requires school districts to offer youth suicide and prevention training to school district employees. The Office of Public Instruction (OPI) estimates that it will need a 0.25 FTE position at an annual cost of \$20,335 to meet its duties under HB 374.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

1. HB 374 mandates that school districts annually offer youth suicide and prevention training to each employee of a school district. The training must be at least two hours, meet the standards for professional development in the state, and be periodically reviewed by a qualified person or committee for consistency with generally accepted principles of youth suicide awareness and prevention training. OPI anticipates that many schools already offer this type of training and that those that do not currently do so will be able to train their staff within their existing budgets.
2. This same training requirement applies to staff at the OPI who work directly with public school students.
3. OPI must provide guidance and technical assistance to Montana schools on youth suicide awareness and prevention.

4. The OPI expects that it will meet the requirement to approve all training offered in compliance with HB 374 by promoting research-based trainings that have already been developed. One such example that is widely used in Montana schools is Olweus, a bullying prevention program.
5. The responsibilities of the OPI include:
 - a. Provide guidance and technical assistance to schools;
 - b. Approve all training offered in accordance with HB 374;
 - c. Train OPI staff who work with public school students; and
 - d. Periodically review the training for consistency with generally accepted principles of youth suicide and prevention training.
6. HB 374 requires that a teacher or specialist who applies for certification renewal demonstrate that the teacher or specialist has completed at least two hours of youth suicide awareness and prevention training in the previous five years before the certification may be renewed. OPI does not anticipate that it will incur any additional costs as a result of this requirement.
7. OPI estimates that it will need a 0.25 FTE instructional coordinator to provide guidance and technical assistance to schools in accordance with HB 374. The cost of salary, benefits, and associated operating expenses for the 0.25 FTE is estimated at \$20,335 per year.
8. An inflation factor of 1.5% has been applied to costs each year after the 2017 biennium.

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<u>Fiscal Impact:</u>				
FTE	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Personal Services	\$17,380	\$17,380	\$17,641	\$17,905
Operating Expenses	\$2,955	\$2,955	\$2,999	\$3,044
TOTAL Expenditures	<u>\$20,335</u>	<u>\$20,335</u>	<u>\$20,640</u>	<u>\$20,950</u>
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$20,335	\$20,335	\$20,640	\$20,950
TOTAL Funding of Exp.	<u>\$20,335</u>	<u>\$20,335</u>	<u>\$20,640</u>	<u>\$20,950</u>
<u>Revenues:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Revenues	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u>				
General Fund (01)	(\$20,335)	(\$20,335)	(\$20,640)	(\$20,950)

Sponsor's Initials

Date

Budget Director's Initials

Date